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GRADUATE PROGRAM IN REHABILITATION

Division of Rehabilitation Education
College of Applied Life Studies
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

The graduate program in rehabilitation is distinguished for its academic excellence, research capabilities, and superlative facilities. Counted among the finest universities in the nation, Illinois was the first in the country to provide comprehensive services for those with disabilities. Today it remains a leader in educating students with disabilities, in facilitating access through special programs and facilities, and in educating rehabilitation professionals.

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THE PROGRAM

The Division of Rehabilitation Education offers courses leading to the degree of Master of Science in rehabilitation with specializations in rehabilitation administration, rehabilitation counseling, and general rehabilitation. The curriculum consists of core requirements, including a practicum and a research methods course; electives; and additional requirements according to the area of concentration.

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REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION

This area of concentration prepares graduates for positions as administrators, coordinators, and planners in a variety of rehabilitation service settings. Opportunities for practical administrative experience are available with the Division of Rehabilitation Education.

Minimum required units: 10

Duration of program: 3 semesters



REHABILITATION COUNSELING

This area of concentration prepares graduates for careers as clinical counselors for clients with physical, mental, and emotional disabilities. Graduates are prepared to take the Certified Rehabilitation Counselor examination. The program is accredited by the Council on Rehabilitation Education, Inc.

Minimum required units: 12

Duration of program: 4 semesters



GENERAL REHABILITATION

This area of concentration prepares graduates for professional careers in a variety of settings serving clients with a broad spectrum of disabilities. Students may individualize their programs of study to cover several areas of rehabilitation selected from the following tracks: administration, counseling, sensory impairment, physical therapy, supported employment, sports and leisure, and rehabilitation technology and engineering.

The track in supported employment is a joint program with the Transitions Institute at the University. The track includes course work in behavior analysis, vocational training, and community integration, and a specialized practicum in a supported employment field setting.

Minimum required units: 10

Duration of program: 3 semesters

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants for admission to the program must hold a baccalaureate degree (or its equivalent) and have a grade-point average of at least 4.0 (on a 5.0 scale) for the last 60 hours of undergraduate work (excluding fieldwork and physical activity) and for any graduate work completed.

Applicants must have completed undergraduate work in social and biological sciences and statistics and have a satisfactory Graduate Record Examination (GRE) score. International applicants whose native language is not English must submit a Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) score.

FINANCIAL AID

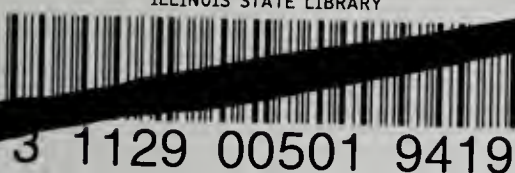
Assistantships are available to graduate students on a competitive basis. Some additional support is available through University fellowships. Assistants and fellows are exempt from payment of tuition and some fees.

Traineeships are available from the Rehabilitation Services Administration, a federal agency. They provide tuition and stipends for students in the counseling and supported employment tracks.

For more information about the graduate program in the Division of Rehabilitation Education at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, please write or telephone:

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RESOURCES AND FACILITIES

THE DIVISION OF REHABILITATION EDUCATION


Since 1947, the Division of Rehabilitation Education has been dedicated to creating educational opportunities for disabled students. Its laboratories and service programs are considered national models. They include medical services, physical therapy, counseling, vocational evaluation, services for sensory impaired, computer facilitation, rehabilitation technology, daily living supports for severely disabled persons, prosthetic shop, transportation services, and athletic and recreational activities.

Students enrolled in the division's graduate degree program have access to outstanding on-site resources for research and practical experience in most areas of rehabilitation. Off-campus practicums are available in a wide range of local and regional rehabilitation centers.



FACULTY RESEARCH

Faculty research interests are varied and include physical disability related to the central nervous system, sexuality and disability, occupational adjustments and job placement techniques, adaptive technologies and computer interfaces, rehabilitation engineering, housing for persons with disabilities, national standards for building accessibility, culture and disability, and sports science.



Academic resources on the campus are among the finest in the world. The University of Illinois Library at Urbana-Champaign houses the third largest academic collection in the nation, with more than 11 million items in the main library and in thirty-eight departmental libraries.

The University supports a long tradition in computer-aided education. PLATO, the largest computer-based instructional system in the world, was developed at the University nearly thirty years ago. Today, students have access to more than 8,000 computer workstations campuswide.



CAMPUS AND COMMUNITY

Since its founding in 1867, the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign has earned a reputation as an institution of international stature. The University enrolls some 36,000 students, including 9,000 graduate and professional students pursuing studies in more than 100 graduate disciplines. A major midwest center for the arts, the campus offers cultural opportunities usually found only in large metropolitan centers. Dozens of nationally and internationally renowned artists appear each year at the widely acclaimed Krannert Center for the Performing Arts.

The campus also supports three major museums: Krannert Art Museum, second only to the Art Institute of Chicago among Illinois art museums; the World Heritage Museum; and the Museum of Natural History.

A member of the Big Ten Intercollegiate Conference, the campus supports twelve men's and nine women's varsity sports. One of the most comprehensive intramural sports programs in the nation offers a choice of more than sixty individual and team sports and other recreational activities.

The University is located on a spacious campus in the center of the twin cities of Urbana and Champaign, a community of 100,000. The cities are located 140 miles south of Chicago, 170 miles northeast of St. Louis, and 120 miles west of Indianapolis. Champaign-Urbana is easily accessible by air, interstate highway, and rail.

Outdoor recreation is available in fifty-four city parks and at several nearby lakes and state parks. Champaign and Urbana are served by the only mass transit system in the country with wheelchair lifts on every bus, indicating the degree to which the University's leadership in providing access to the disabled has extended into the local community.

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